

## BASKETBALL GUIDELINES (BOYS AND GIRLS)

### Length of Contest

- Varsity 8 minute quarters
- Junior Varsity 7 minute quarters
- 9<sup>th</sup> Grade 6 minute quarters
- 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> 6 minute quarters

### Uniforms

- Home teams will wear white uniforms and visitors will wear dark colored uniforms.

### Schedule

- The Mid Penn Conference will provide schedules for a two-year cycle.
- The basketball schedule will allow all teams to play opponents in their own division twice to determine a divisional champion.
- The Mid Penn Conference will provide high school (varsity and jv) and junior high (varsity and jv) schedules. If a school determines to play a 9<sup>th</sup> grade schedule, they must develop that schedule on their own.
- The boys and girls will both have an end of year tournament with the top team in each division advancing to the league playoffs

- The playoff format will be as follows:

✓ 2022-2023	Colonial vs Commonwealth Capital vs Keystone
✓ 2023- 2024	Capital vs. Commonwealth Keystone vs. Colonial
✓ 2024-2025	Capital vs Colonial Keystone vs Commonwealth

- The championship team and the runner ups in both the boys and girls tournament will receive 20 medals per team for distribution.
- Ticket prices for all playoffs games will be \$6.00 for adults and \$4.00 for students.

### Officials

- Two or three officials may be used for each regular season game and that will be determined by each individual school. Pay schedule will delineate between # of officials the conference uses. All officials for regular season games will be assigned by the Mid Penn Conference Assigner.

- If a contractual agreement with a non-conference opponent requires non-MPC officials, the MPC Officials Assigner should be contacted within ten (10) business days of the contest.
- Requests for **NON PREFERRED** status of a PIAA Official must be sent to the MPC contracted **SPORT SPECIFIC ASSIGNOR** by the athletic director. Coaches are prohibited from contacting officials directly. **(MPC adopted protocol must be followed by athletic director)**
- A non-preferred list of officials applies to the school, not to the individual coach.
- Three officials will be used for all conference playoff games.

## Game Operations

JV/Varsity	Tuesdays and Fridays	6:00PM- Junior Varsity 7:30PM- Varsity
	Other days may be used if Necessary	*JV and Varsity will be separated by 15 minutes. 10 minute halftime. The time shall be run off the clock. If Varsity is played first, only 10 minutes will be given between games.
Junior High JV (7th)/ Junior High Varsity (8th)	Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays	Quarters
	Other days if needed. ** <b>Double-Headers</b>	will be six (6) minutes in length with ten (10) minute halftimes and ten (10) minutes between games.

- In games that the home team determines the need to pre-sale tickets, the visiting team will be guaranteed 25% of the rated seating capacity of the gymnasium.
- The Home school will designate bench areas and the teams will shoot at the basket away from their bench in the first half.
- **Official Scorer:** The scorebook of the home team shall be the official book, unless the referee rules otherwise. The official scorebook shall remain at the scorer's table throughout the game, including all intermissions. The use of capable faculty members or adults is encouraged
- The home school will provide the Official Timer. Preferably a capable adult.
- At all levels, the home team will provide a full rack of basketballs to be shared with the visiting team. NOTE: Visiting teams should have at least six (6) basketballs to use during warm-ups.
- Any seamed leather or composite ball that has the NFHS stamp on it can be used as a game ball in conference games.

- There is a mercy rule at all levels of competition and it is 30 points in the second half. It is non-reversible, so when it starts, it continues through the rest of the game.
- Shooting during pre-game: At high school level contests, teams will be given a minimum of 15 minutes of warm-up time before their game. Uniforms must be worn by those shooting prior to a game when both teams are on site. A home team is permitted to shoot around as much as they want prior to the visiting team entering your facility. If there is more than 30 minutes prior to the start of the first game, you MUST clear everyone from the court until 30 minutes prior to the game. IF the visiting team arrives less than 30 minutes prior to the start of the first game, you do not need to clear the court. **Please note it is 30 minutes.** The conference did NOT agree to allow both teams to shoot more than that even if both teams are present and if it was mutually agreed upon.
- There is NO shooting allowed at halftime except by the teams that are playing.

### **Divisional Championship**

- *In the event of a tie for a division, head to head competition will be the first criteria to determine Division entry. If the teams split during the regular season, then the District III power rating will determine the division representative in the MPC Tournament.* The tournament would then consist between the four divisional champions.
- Broadcasting/Television- If a playoff game is to be broadcasted or televised the conference must approve the sponsors and the receipts will be added to the game receipts. Only delayed broadcasts will be permitted when a playoff is held in an arena with the rated capacity of more than 2000 spectators.

### **All Star Selection**

- Coaches meeting will be held at the end of the season to select All-stars hosted by the division champion.
- Each division will have a total of 15 all-stars (based on total points), with 5 players on each of the first and second teams and 5 honorable mention players.
- Each Division is to select a Player of the Year and that person has to be one of the 1<sup>st</sup> team all-stars.
- Each Division is also to select a Coach of the Year for each division.

### **Postponement of Games**

- Games should be rescheduled the next available calendar date, including Saturdays. Consideration must be given to other scheduled sporting events.
- All league contests must be played.
- Postponing or moving non-league games may need to happen to make sure you get all your division games played.

**Report to Media**

- Home team should report scores to the news media. It would be helpful if every school would contact The Patriot News, Harrisburg.

**Special Information**

- Only permanent signs and banners are permitted in the gym area. Signs directed toward individuals or teams can not be posted in the gym.
- No horns, balls, or noisemakers are permitted in the gym area.
- Kicking bleachers will not be permitted during game action.
- Pep bands may play during dead ball situations or between games, but are not permitted to play while the game is in action.
- Spectators are prohibited from removing their shirt and/or using body paint while in attendance at any Mid Penn, District, and Inter-District Championship Contests.